

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE PHILIPPINES

November 7, 1944

The Provincial Governor  
Tacloban, Leyte

Dear Governor Kangleon:

By virtue of executive order No. 23 the President of the Philippines has created a Board of Inquiry to investigate charges of disloyalty to the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the United States of America in the province of Leyte. The following have been appointed as members of this Board:

Maj. Gen. Basilio J. Valdes, Chairman  
Col. Mariano A. Eraña,  
Mr. I. Mathay,  
Mr. Emilio Benitez,  
Mr. Bernardino Demeterio

At the first meeting of the Board it was decided to ask you to present, or cause to be presented, written charges against the persons whose names are listed in the attached list and who have been committed to the Leyte Provincial Jail pursuant to your authority.

You are hereby requested to present such charges in writing as soon as possible, but in any event, on or before November 14, 1944. The charges should briefly set forth specific over acts, but should avoid any evidentiary matter. You will be notified promptly after receipt of such charges as to the date set for hearing.

In case there are any persons against whom you do not prefer charges within the time limited or such extended time as may be determined by the Board in any specific case in the interest of justice, upon your request, the case of such persons will be immediately called before the Board for disposition. In case any person is released from custody pursuant to recommendations of the Board, because no charges have been preferred against him, it will be without prejudice to any charges which may be preferred later.

Yours sincerely,

BASILIO J. VALDES  
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